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1. Leaders of the Marxist Forward Bloc (MFB), Satyapriya Bannerjee, Debnath Das, G. S. Dhillon and Sheelbhadra Jajee (aka Yajee), have met with Communist Party of India (CPI) officials to discuss a merger between the two organizations.¹
2. The CPI officials present at the discussion were S. A. Dange, Jyoti Bose, Muzaffar Ahmed and Mrs. Aruna Asaf Ali. No final decision on the merger was reached.²

25X1A 1. [REDACTED] Comment. There is a long history of merger negotiations between these two parties, reaching back over a period of at least two years. MFB leaders were reported to be in favor of merger in

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25X1A 2. Comment. MFB leaders are more eager for the merger than are the CPI leaders. The CPI's reluctance toward merger is explained through their knowledge that the MFB is in a bad financial position, unable to pay its full-time workers, and that many MFB members are already joining the CPI, since the ideological differences between the two parties is insignificant.

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